

# Regular Meeting

<b>Agenda Item #</b>	2
<b>Meeting Date</b>	January 10, 2005
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<b>Approved By</b>	Barbara B. Matthews

<b>Discussion Item</b>	Resolution Naming the Field at Jequie Park in Honor of Walt Penney
<b>Background</b>	<p>The North Takoma Citizens Association and Takoma Park Neighborhood Youth Soccer have requested that the field at Jequie Park be named in honor of Walt Penney. Mr. Penney was killed while riding a bicycle on January 10, 2002. The City Council adopted a resolution of condolence on January 14, 2002.</p> <p>The field at Jequie Park is not named. The field is used for a variety of purposes, including soccer and baseball, community activities and events.</p>
<b>Policy</b>	
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	Range of sign costs will depend upon the type of sign selected.
<b>Attachments</b>	Draft Resolution Resolution 2002-2 Resolution of Condolence
<b>Recommendation</b>	Consider and adopt the resolution.
<b>Special Consideration</b>	

Introduced by: Councilmember Austin-Lane

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**Resolution #2005-  
Naming the Field at Jequie Park in Honor of Walt Penney**

**WHEREAS,** Walt Penney was a longtime resident of North Takoma from his "hippie" period as the "Minister of Organization" in a communal house to his time as a dedicated family man with his wife Cheryl and children Vanessa and Walter in a landmark house he helped design and build; and

**WHEREAS,** Walt served as a mentor, role model and inspiration to dozens of Takoma Park's children as a coach and officer in the Takoma Park Neighborhood Youth Soccer league and as the manager of a local swim team; and

**WHEREAS,** Walt was a cycling enthusiast regularly seen on the pathways of Takoma Park in a state of exhilaration and perspiration; and

**WHEREAS,** this is the third anniversary of Walt's death on January 10, 2002 in a tragic accident while riding a bicycle; and

**WHEREAS,** the community mourned his untimely death and a resolution was adopted by the City Council in his honor (#2002-2); and

**WHEREAS,** residents of the North Takoma Citizens Association and members of Takoma Park Neighborhood Youth Soccer would like to create a meaningful memorial to Walt by naming the field at Jequie Park in his honor.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of Takoma Park, Maryland hereby supports the North Takoma Citizens Association and Takoma Park Neighborhood Youth Soccer in their request to designate the field at Jequie Park as Walt Penney Field; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager be authorized to expend up to \$\_\_\_\_\_ to erect appropriate signage at the site in consultation with the Recreation Department, the Recreation Committee, and the family.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

**Introduced by: Councilmember Austin-Lane**

**RESOLUTION 2002-2**

**Resolution of Condolence**

**WHEREAS,** Council was saddened to learn of the death of Walt Penney, a longtime resident and active citizen of Takoma Park; AND

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Penney showed his concern for the residents of this community through his many activities, as coordinator of Division 6 in the Takoma Park Neighborhood Youth Soccer League, Team Representative for Franklin Knolls Swim Team, Division Automation Coordinator for the Montgomery County Swim League, coach in the Takoma Park Basketball League, assistant coach for the Babe Ruth Baseball League, and member of the Takoma Park Independence Day Committee; AND

**WHEREAS,** he will be remembered for the generous contribution of his time and coaching abilities to youth recreational programs in Takoma Park, for being an exemplar of sportsmanship and citizenship, for his willingness to do any task no matter how small to accomplish an objective, for his personal pursuit of excellence, for his love of family and the young people he coached, and for the dedicated service he gave his community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, on behalf of the community, that we hereby extend to Mr. Penney's family this expression of our heartfelt sympathy.

**Adopted this 14th day of January, 2002.**

ATTEST:

Catherine E. Waters, CMC/AAE  
City Clerk